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VD highest in Halton Hills

Youth and sex.

That's a problem in Halton Hills, according to a report on Halton's experience with sexually transmitted diseases.

The report says that given our population, the incidence of gonorrhoea in Halton Hills is considerably higher than in the region's other municipalities. It's more than double the Oakville rate, Dr. Annalee Yassi says.

The largest number of infected people continues to be the 15 to 29 year olds. In fact, 80 per cent of Halton cases are under 30 and 25 per cent are under 20 years old.

That's something we should be concerned about, especially in the case of young women, where the resulting consequences of infertility could be devastating.

We support Dr. Yassi's recommendation that a clinic be established in Halton Hills, similar to clinics in Oakville and Burlington, to make young people more informed and, it is hoped, prevent sexually transmitted diseases in our community.

Implementing Dr. Yassi's recommendations won't cost the region a cent, as the Ministry of Health has a 100 per cent funded program to cut down on venereal diseases.

Casa Loma opens to wheelchairs



By PAT WOODE
Herald Columnist

Locally, Can Travel, in Milton still has openings for late September in their London theatre package. Transportation and accommodation has been selected for those in wheelchairs. This tour is being organized by June McAvella (occupational therapist). For additional information, contact me or Can Travel in Milton.

Sometimes, traditional treatment techniques are unsuitable for persons with existing disabilities should they further complicate their situation with injuries. The surplus weight of a cumbersome plaster cast may in some cases be shed by the use of fibre-glass. It is light, sturdy, not covered by OHIP, and not readily available in smaller communities.

Disabled persons often are more familiar with their individual capabilities than members of the medical profession, who may see them on an emergency basis without a history of the total situation. If you have a special condition that requires special attention in emergencies, then seek the services that are most suitable to your needs. Unintentional errors in treatment can result in permanent damage far more serious than the original injury. Remember, it has been estimated that iatrogenic disorders account for up to one-third of treatment in the USA.

Continuing with this series on places to go, Casa Loma in Toronto is now totally wheelchair accessible. After five years and \$162,000, Henry Pellatt's hideaway has been modified by Wintario, City of Toronto, and the Kiwanis Club.

For those a little more flush, Europe is waiting. "Assist" is a group of travel agents that have taken extra effort to keep an up-to-date library of tours for the handicapped. Travel Helpers in Don Mills is the largest of these agencies.

Clergy comment

Reach out through prayer

By FATHER DAVE COTE

Holy Cross Parish

In order to come to know God as He really is and to experience His love for us, it is necessary to try to contact Him.

Others might testify about their knowledge of God, what He is like, but each person must develop his/her own acquaintance with Him. We might hear much about a wonderful personality from those who have met him, but until we have met with and communicated with the individual ourselves, we will really never know that person.

Just as every genuine human relationship is unique and can only be experienced by those who enter into such a relationship, so each person's love relationship with God is unique and can only be achieved by the

individual themselves and cannot be adequately communicated to anyone else. If one remains aloof, waiting for God to come to him without trying to reach out for God, he will never know God anymore than he could know another person whom he treated in the same way.

Prayer is simply communicating with God, trying to put ourselves in touch with Him or have contact with Him or become aware of Him. Through prayer, "Someone out there" becomes someone personal, who is close to us and concerned about us. We can never be absolutely sure that there is a God, nor come to know what He is like unless we pray. When someone refuses to pray, he becomes imprisoned in his own "Godlikeness".

Farm books under scrutiny

As the financial crisis in agriculture deepened in 1984, Revenue Canada auditors were examining the books of more than 1,600 farm operations in Ontario.

What they found allowed them to bring an additional \$5,914,596 in tax revenue from the farmers in the province. In total, 1,666 farmers paid an average of \$3,550 in extra taxes to the federal treasury.

By comparison, 885 Quebec farmers were audited during the year and assessed \$2.23 million in additional taxes. But in Saskatchewan, 1,741 farmers were examined by department auditors and told to pay an additional \$5.4 million.

In all, 6,874 farmers across the country came under the close scrutiny of department auditors who ferreted out almost \$22.5 million in additional tax revenue.

The information was provided by Revcoque

Minister Perrin Beatty in response to a written question placed on the

House of Commons order paper by B.C. Tory MP Lorne Greenaway.

Letter to the editor

Ball players raise \$362 for Kidney Foundation

Dear Sir,

Back on May 25, Shaw's S.O.B.'s (Slow Old Ballplayers) held a tournament at the Fairgrounds in order to raise money for the Georgetown Branch of the Kidney Foundation.

Being members of the Halton Hills Service Club Slo Pitch League for the past three years and not being a service club, we thought it only proper that we perform a service for our town.

Also, being the first endeavour on our part we were not "officially" sponsored, but we did receive a lot of help on

short notice. Unfortunately, due to mix-ups and short staffing at the time, neither town paper carried any results or pictures from the tournament.

Therefore, I would now like to thank Mayor Miller, the Town Council and especially Debbie Powell of the recreation department for allowing us to use the Fairgrounds.

Next there was Brian Proulx and Al Birnie of Carling O'Keefe for doing the footwork in obtaining the liquor license and the beer for the Beer Garden as well

as donating the mugs and cooler bags which were given away as prizes.

Bud Jackson from the Ford Motor Co. gave us pens, Finn Arnold from MacDonald's supplied the ice and Bill Marcolini from M and M Pro Sports donated the baseballs.

Nick Boere (team member) got us some flight bags from Air Canada and Pete Wanner (team member) obtained cutlery from World Ways Airlines. Weston Bakeries, through Chris Botticello and Dempsters through

Chester Czerney helped with the hot dog and hamburg buns, while John Rudies from The William Neilson Co. Ltd. gave us orange drinks, milk and chocolate bars. Of course John Shaw (our sponsor), donated the trophies from Shaw's Trophies.

Lastly, I would publicly like to thank the entire S.O.B. Ball Club for their efforts and time they donated towards the tournament, especially Wayne Richardson, who must have run himself ragged in getting the paperwork done and major organizational problems solved.

Congratulations must go to all the teams who participated, but especially to the Midas Muffler Team from Limehouse who won the consolation round and The Caledon East Merchants who were our overall champions.

This will be an annual tournament and next year we hope to more than double our donation of \$362 to the Kidney Foundation.

Sincerely,
John Luciani,
Manager,
S.O.B. Ball Club



"Actually, I'm older than I look—I just can't AFFORD to be my age!"

How not to be afraid

By DR. JOHN M. DRICKAMER
Immanuel Lutheran Church

It is safe to say that there is more fear of flying in the world today than there was a few weeks ago. The hijacking to Beirut, the apparent mass murder on the Air India flight, the airport explosions at Frankfurt and Tokyo -- one could easily feel uncomfortable about buying airline tickets.

Fear is a problem. Some people are paralyzed by it. Then we call it a phobia. Most of us just press on through life with our fears. Courage, we tell ourselves, does not mean not being afraid. It means doing what we have to do in spite of fear.

We can try to get rid of fear -- or at least to minimize it -- by getting rid of the thing we fear. We can try to eliminate the external threat. It is often important and necessary to try to do so -- as with the increased airport security we are hearing about.

We try to eliminate fear in other areas of our lives in the same way. We drive carefully and wear seatbelts. We try to have proper diet and proper exercise.

There are extremes. We have heard of the person who thought the ultimate in safety was to stay in bed all day. Then he read statistics indicating that more people died in bed than anywhere else.

There is no way to avoid all danger. The most careful person may die young. The most careless person may die old. But they both die. We all face death -- no matter what we do.

Death is another way to fight fear. We can ask ourselves why we are afraid and whether we really need to be afraid? Now we are in a realm where psychology, sociology, and science can offer no help, no hope.

Why do we fear? We fear because we do not trust -- or do not trust enough. Whom should we trust? That is the question. Whom can we trust? Who is reliable?

Should we trust ourselves? No. We know that we are weak and fallible and limited. We are getting older. Should we trust other people? All the other people are weak and fallible and limited, too. It was "other people" who put all those explosives in various

places. Should we trust the government? Let them pass a law against death.

By process of elimination the only One to trust is God. Only He is unlimited. Only He is perfect in love and might and wisdom. Only He can really help. In the Bible, from beginning to end, God is saying, "Trust Me".

But does God help? People die all the time. Did God help them? He helped them a great deal. No one would ever have life and breath, food and clothes, shelter and protection without God granting it.

But we still die! We should still trust God! We should say with Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him" (Job 13:15). How can that be? God the Son died on the cross for our sins -- to forgive us our sins -- to give us eternal life.

God gives all of us many blessings in this life. To those who believe in Christ He gives eternal life. John 3:16.

Cleaning up the patronage mess



Ottawa
Report

By Stewart
McLeod

That all-party task force on parliamentary reform has provided Prime Minister Brian Mulroney with a marvellous escape route from the growing embarrassment of patronage. The timing is near perfect.

The task force, headed by veteran Conservative MP James McGrath, who was fisheries minister in the Clark government, suggests that some 2,000 political appointments now made by the prime minister and cabinet be subject to a review by Members of Parliament.

And that, while not eliminating patronage, would at least give it a new legitimacy. Appointments approved by a parliamentary committee would, at the very least, appear more respectable than those handed out, hush-hush, by the prime minister of the day. Furthermore, the potential embarrassment of committee hearings would discourage some of the more blatant appointments, such as relatives and unqualified friends.

Under the task force's recommendation, most order-in-council appointments could be asked to appear before a parliamentary committee to be questioned and assessed. And while the committee could veto only a small percentage of these appointments, the examining process itself would obviously go a long way toward eliminating the lingering odor of patronage.

This odor became rather unpleasant in the dying days of the Trudeau regime and, despite promises of a clean-up, the Mulroney government seems to have embraced the

system with unrestrained enthusiasm.

GOOD TIMING

In fact it has reached the stage where, with the possible exception of pension de-indexing, patronage is the most damaging issue facing this relatively new government. It is certainly causing backbench Tory MPs more embarrassment than they had expected as constituents rail against Mr. Mulroney's wholesale patronage appointments.

It's not that he's doing anything different than his Liberal predecessors, it's just that he has been doing it faster and perhaps more indiscriminately than the long-entrenched Grits. But what is causing so much difficulty for his MPs is the fact that Mr. Mulroney, when campaigning for his victory, gave every indication that the old system would be replaced.

In that televised debate with other party leaders -- the one in which he devastated Liberal Leader John Turner on the patronage issue -- the Conservative leader said that "There has to be a better way."

Criticising Mr. Turner for agreeing to Pierre Trudeau's post-dated appointments, an outraged Mr. Mulroney shouted, "You could have said no."

But a couple of months after assuming office, the new Tory prime minister had made the patronage trough available to long-suffering Conservatives from coast to coast.

Despite the addition of a few high-profile Liberals and New Democrats, the list of appointments has been strikingly partisan. And it has reached the point where individual MPs are complaining privately to the prime minister.

"This whole patronage issue is really hurting us in the West," said a Tory MP from Alberta. "People are telling me that after campaigning to clean up this mess, we are actually looking worse than the Grits."

COMMITTEE PROMISED

The idea of a review process for cabinet appointments is not new. Ironically, it was suggested by Mr. Mulroney last year when he was so angered by the Trudeau and Turner appointments. Such a review, he said, "Would enable us to reach a degree of objectivity which, for the most part, was absent in the secret appointments that Mr. Turner wished to make."

But in the meantime, the new prime minister wasted little time in getting to work under the old system. And just as the criticism is reaching worrisome proportions, along comes this task force with the escape route. The prime minister, by embracing the suggestions, can not only clean up the whole system, but he will already have all his key appointees in place.

Since a certain amount of patronage is expected in any event, it should not be difficult to accommodate most deserving Tories even with a review committee in place. And the moment such a committee is established, the heat should be off Tory MPs so far as this issue is concerned.

Volunteer this summer

Summer is a special time when volunteers are required more than ever because so many people go away on holidays.

The Volunteer Bureau reports that a number of interesting jobs are becoming available.

Some examples are: -- Porters are needed to assist patients who must be transported by

wheelchair from one department to another. -- An office assistant is required for copying, collating, word processing and filing. Training is provided.

-- Drivers are needed to provide occasional transportation or to drive on a regular basis, either in town or to Hamilton and Toronto.

The choice is yours and mileage is paid.

Meals on Wheels require drivers and assistant to help deliver noon meals to the elderly.

-- In sales, there is a position open for someone to help run a gift shop about 2 hours per week.

Call 877-3219 for more information about these volunteer jobs.

International Peace Camp

Reaction sought over its development

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

Town staff will attempt to set up a joint public meeting with Milton council and ratepayers to get reaction to a proposed development on Niagara Escarpment land near Speyside.

The International Peace Camp (IPC), owners of Lots 13 and 14, Con. 1, Halton Hills has applied for a permit to locate a trailer on their Speyside area property claiming they need it for storage.

Halton Hills had already recommended the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) deny the application in light of problems the commission has had with the camp in previous years. The IPC approached

the town some time ago with a plan to put a large recreational complex on the property and was refused support because of neighbors' concerns stemming from fires on the lands which got out of control and threatened neighboring homes.

When the plans went to the Commission, that body had concerns about the environmental impact of the project.

NEC member and Ward 1 Coun. Dave Whitling told council he had requested the Commission defer the application pending the joint meeting with Milton council and area residents. The NEC has no method of receiving public input on applications, he said, so a public meeting with the

Halton's History

THIRTY YEARS AGO--Firemen Bud Hyde and Jack Harlow dove deep to retrieve the body of Provincial Paper employee Einar Poulsen at the Tenth Line bridge near Glen Williams. A Toronto girl died in a swimming accident in almost the same spot three years earlier.

John Haines, one of Georgetown N and G's best lacrosse scorers, ended his season with a broken leg. The visiting team from Lewiston won the match 14-9.

Frank Black and Miss Joyce Nevitt want to start an Artists Club in Georgetown. All those interested in painting and/or photography are asked to join.

Ten year old Akka Baker of Glen Williams received broken collar and pelvic bones after being run over by a car at the Terra Cotta playground. Akka was partially buried in the sand.

Third-year Ryerson Institute of Technology student Gordon Bird received a scholarship from the Stark Electronic Instruments Co. The scholarship was for a student with technical proficiency and superior skill in writing technical reports.

The much-needed post office boxes will finally be installed at Georgetown's post office. This is the post office's answer to Georgetown's rapid growth.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO--Mayor "Steamer" Emmerson, the organizer of the Litter Chase, was disappointed when only seven people showed up. The seven were high school students Denise Reynolds and Sharon Stoyles; two Rotarians Ralph Ursel and Ken Faulkner; two firemen, Bill Hyde and Walter Biehn, and Lion Alec Blackwell.

Art Hillard is once again the leader of the Georgetown Citizen Band. Under his guidance the band has won five firsts at Canadian National Exhibition competitions.

Wrestler Joe Foeber, 105 and a half pounds, won a gold medal in his weight class at a national meet in Calgary. Clive Llewellyn and Brian Leslie, also from Georgetown, won silver medals.

The Halton Board of Education hired 90 teachers for the region's high schools. They still must hire 40 teachers to reach their quota.

Norval School was the smallest of seven junior schools at a track meet but won the competition anyway. Kennedy, Glen Williams, Harrison, Wrighlesworth, Park and Chapel were defeated by the litlest champion.

TEN YEARS AGO--Three men struggled but failed to save the life of 11 year old Kevin Robbin who drowned just west of the Town Line bridge in Norval. Bob Wolfe, Robert Callahan and Brian Farrell were unable to retrieve the boy from a whirlpool.

The Georgetown Fireflies celebrated their sixth birthday by camping at the Milton Heights Campgrounds.

Bowler Charlene MacCormack of Georgetown won the national 1975 Masters Bowlers Championships. She defeated eight opponents before winning against Elsie Fielder of Nanaimo, B.C. by 37 points.

Water polo is to become Georgetown's newest sport. Pool organizer Chris Hall wants men's and ladies' teams formed. Jack Nieuwhof is expected to coach.

Debby Hunter achieved the highest objective which, for the most part, was absent in the secret appointments that Mr. Turner wished to make.

FIVE YEARS AGO--Georgetown's Little Theatre fund-raising passed the halfway mark of their goal of \$30,000. More than 140 commemorative seat plaques were sold.

Georgetown's intercounty ladies tennis team won four big matches at Rosethorn. Doreen Thomson, Pat Harris, Marilyn Serjeantson, Isla Allison, Audrey Houston and Ann Kennedy shared in the doubles victories.

Three local wrestlers are off to the World Schoolboy Championships in Sweden after winning at the Canadian finals in Thunder Bay. Mike Sweeney will be competing in the midget division. Jeff Knight and Steve Power will be in the bantam competition.